



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KARL, Johann *et al.*  
Serial No: 09/720,006  
Filed: December 19, 2000  
For: IMPROVEMENT OF BINDING ASSAYS BY  
MULTIEPITOPE ANALYSIS AND BY COMBINING  
ANTIGEN AND ANTIBODY DETERMINATION  
Art Unit: 1641  
Examiner: Kartic Padmanabhan

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 17, 2004

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Official Action dated October 21, 2003 which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months that expired on January 21, 2004. A petition for a 2-month extension of time until March 21, 2004 is enclosed herewith.